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SUBJ: TERRORISM AND DIPLOMATS PROTECTION

LEGAL ADVISER OF FRENCH FONOFF DE LACHARRIERE STATED
FRENCH POLICY ON TERRORISM AND CONVENTION ON PROTECTION
OF DIPLOMATS TO SCHWEBEL AS FOLLOWS:

1. FRANCE IS NEGATIVE TOWARDS DIPLOMATS CONVENTION.
THINKS IT UNDESIRABLE TO GIVE SPECIAL STATUS TO DIPLOMATS
AND, INEVITABLY, TO INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS, WHEN
ATHLETES, BUSINESSMEN AND OTHERS ARE TERRORIST VICTIMS.
DIPLOMATS ASSUME A DEGREE OF RISK.

2. MORE POSITIVE TOWARDS US PROPOSED CONVENTION TO PREVENT
EXPORT OF TERRORISM. DE LACHARRIERE THINKS IT A SOUND
DEVELOPMENT OF LAW OF WAR AND NEUTRALITY, PROVIDED IT NOT
AMENDED TO GIVE ANY DEGREE OF EXEMPTION TO TERRORIST
ACTS COMMITTED ON BEHALF OF WARS OF LIBERATION.

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3. HOWEVER, APPROACH WHICH FRANCE ESPOUSES IS THAT

OF AGREEMENT ON ACTION AGAINST THOSE TERRORIST ACTS
WHICH ARE SO EXTREME AS TO CONSTITUTE QTE ODIOUS BARBARISM
UNQTE. E.G. IF CROATIAN NATIONALIST MURDERS POLICEMAN
IN ZAGREB AND FLEES TO FRANCE, FRANCE WILL NOT EXTRADITE
HIM. BUT IF HE BOMBS THEATRE AND KILLS 20 CHILDREN,
CRIME SO ODIOUS AS TO MERIT EXTRADITION. IN RESPONSE TO
QUESTION WHETHER FRANCE DOES NOT ACCORDINGLY PROPOSE
TO THREAT TERRORIST ACTS SUCH AS THOSE OF MUNICH AND LYDDA
AIRPORT AS CRIMES OF ODIOUS BARBARISM, DE LACHARRIERE
SAID THAT IT DOES.

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